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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Confirmation 2023: Congratulation to our 5th & 6th class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday – Grace Farrell, Conor Flaherty, Aoife Gallagher, Séan Henchy, Dara Mahon, Cian McCarry, Caitlin McGuane, Sean Murray, Cathal Diviney, Donnacha Harrington, Kate Lally Staunton, Julien Marcant, Aoife McAllen, Kate McInerney, Alex O'Malley, Jack Reynolds & Isabella Walsh Ramirez. Sincere thanks to Ms. Denise Diviney for the weeks of preparation work involved. It was a very enjoyable evening for all.

Food Dudes Week: Our school completed the Food Dudes Refresher Week last Friday 24th February. Children were given a portion of fruit and veg to sample every day. Please continue to encourage your child/children to bring in fruit and vegetables as part of their lunch, in conjunction with our Healthy Eating Policy.

Bake Sale: Sincere thanks to all who participated in our Bake Sale on 15th February. The turnout was fantastic. A total of €960.00 was raised. Money raised was used to purchase Maths and PE equipment, which will arrive at the school shortly.

FAI Soccer Blitz Boys and Girls: We have entered 2 teams (one boys & one girls) in the FAI Primary Schools 5 a side soccer tournament 2023, which will take place in Portumna. Children from 5th and 6th class will take part. The girls will participate tomorrow **Thursday 2nd March** and the boys on **Friday 3rd March**. Games will commence at 10am and finish at 2pm. The bus will leave the school at 8:50am and return at 3pm. on both days. Best of luck to all our players. Sincere thanks to Barry McCarry for all his assistance in coaching the children.

Dental Screening – 6th class pupils: Please return the consent forms to the school if you have not already done so.

Annual Visit from or Diocesan Advisor: Mr. Pat Kelly will visit the school on Friday 10th March for religious instruction for all classes. This is an annual routine visit.

Open/Information Evening for new Junior Infants will take place on **Wednesday 15th March from 6 to 7pm** in the school. Open Evening is for parents only, as we will invite new entrants to school in June for an induction day, where they can meet their new class and teacher.

St. Patrick's Day Colouring Competition in conjunction with the Credit Union:

All pupils will be taking part in the Credit Union Competition. Parents are asked to sign consent to allow your child enter the competition. Please return to school before 10th March.

School Closure: School will close as per schedule on **Friday 17th -St. Patrick's Day.**

Lá Glás: This month's '**No Uniform Day**' will be held on **Thursday 16th March.** To coincide with **Lá Fhéile Pádraig,** we will be having a '**Lá Glas**' - €2.00 per pupil/€5.00 per family. Pupils will be asked to wear something green to celebrate our national day. Thank you for your continued support.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge this month. Children will be participating in art, dancing, comhrá and tráth na gcéist as gaeilge. We will finish the week with Lá Glas and traditional music and songs performed by our students at our assembly. Children will be encouraged to be ag caint 'as gaeilge' throughout the week.

Annual Book Fair 13th to 24th March: The annual Book Fair will be held in the school in conjunction with Scholastic. Parents may view/purchase books for their children from 2pm to 3pm on the dates mentioned above. Our school will receive book vouchers from monies raised at the fair, which will go towards the purchase of a new reading scheme for infants.

Book tokens – one per pupil may be used to purchase or get money off books during the Book Fair Weeks in the school.

Tomorrow, 2nd March, is World Book Day. Children can bring in their favourite book and dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate this day.

First Confession for children receiving First Holy Communion will take place Tuesday 21st March in St. Anne's Church, Shanaglish at 7pm.

Kind regards

Amy Mulkerrins
Principal.